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SUBJECT: Friday Update

All,

Here are the items on the October 26 City Council Meeting:

- Adoption of FY 20-21 City Budget- A \$33 million spending plan covering all City services, capital projects and the enterprises of the Auburn Airport and Wastewater Operations. Revenue reductions predicted in June of \$1.2 m are closer to \$900,000 and the budget is essentially balanced with a small surplus. The balanced budget was materialized with a combination of cuts and wage concessions by City Employees.
- Services Agreement for IT Services for City functions, community camera system and upgrades to the City's computer system navigation into "cloud" based services.
- ADA Plan
- Holiday Decoration Funding request for \$5,000 from the Economic Development Committee.
- Tile plaques as recommended by the SHAAC.
- Information presentations from Pioneer Energy and Recology Waste Services.

The presentation by Recology will be a combined Staff presentation to talk about the many emerging issues in the solid waste industry. To get a copy of the presentation, go here:

https://auburn.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&event_id=1604&meta_id=15589

A couple more items for the week:



- Staff had a really good meeting this week with representatives of the United Auburn Council to discuss issues of mutual interest and to begin a more coordinated approach to planning and development projects. All new development in California requires consultation with local tribes to protect cultural resources and sites. We discussed an additional joint meeting and presentations to both the City and Tribal Councils. A meeting with their staff and City departments is scheduled for next week.
- Kudos to the Auburn Public Works Crew for their help on the City's Scarecrow Display. These are really talented members of our team and they had fun in helping us get into the spirit of the season.
- Voters continue to pour into City Hall to vote! Ballot boxes are changed out daily by Placer Elections. The ballot box is located in the Admin Services Office on the first floor at City Hall.
- The downing of the power pole on Thursday literally gridlocked the City for almost an hour on Thursday. Kudos to planning and reaction from the Auburn Police to deploy to open intersections and get the traffic flowing. A debrief on the incident is in the planning.

A reality of the Thursday incident was the huge fire which threatened Newcastle and would have headed straight up the hill into Auburn. This was scary reminiscent to the Perry Ranch Fire in August.

The entire Thursday incident was an important drill for the City in planning for our #1 threat which is wildfire and the possibility of evacuating the City. Key pressure points for roadways were impacted and the need for a coordinated response was initiated. Both High Street and Lincoln Way were literally jammed with cars, intersections were closed and people trying to drive around the traffic on narrow side streets became trapped. I will share that on my way into work, I was forced to park in Downtown and walk four blocks to City Hall because traffic was not moving.

Look for more information on evacuation plans in the coming months. For more information on wildfire and preparedness, go to the City's website at: <https://www.auburn.ca.gov/483/Wildfire-Preparedness>

Have a nice weekend.

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